



Eastern Avenue (south of Hall Street to Franklin Street) Resurfacing

The City of Grand Rapids will resurface the above street this construction season. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the project. We invite you to contact us at the number or e-mail address below with any questions.

Tentative Construction Schedule

March 23 - May 2020

Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

Construction Information

Street Resurfacing Process

Rotomilling and resurfacing is a road rehabilitation process that extends the road life and prevents costlier reconstruction. During construction, the contractors will:

1. Upgrade sidewalks and ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
2. Remove and grind the road surface with milling machine and a conveyor system loading the pavement debris into trucks. Rotomilling is noisy but typically only lasts one day per phase.
3. Adjust manholes to be level with the road.
4. Pave the road with one or more layers of asphalt.
5. Restore disturbed areas with grass.

After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249

Driveway and Sidewalks

- Some driveway approaches and sidewalk will be replaced. Affected residents and businesses may not have access to their driveways for 5-7 days while the work is completed and the concrete cures. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance.
- The contractor will work with affected businesses to maintain driveway access as best possible. This may include replacing half of the driveway approach at a time.
- Driveway access may be delayed thirty minutes to two hours while road work is directly in front of a driveway.

Parkways and Street Trees

- Sidewalk, curb, and drive approach work may disturb the parkway (the area between curb and sidewalk). Should this happen, the area will be restored with grass. Please water these areas when the project is done to help the grass establish.
- If there are plants, landscaping, etc. in the parkway you want to save, please move them prior to the start of construction.
- If you have a sprinkler system, please mark the sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers that are broken during construction will be repaired.
- Some street trees may be removed if they are adversely impacted by construction.
- This project will plant new trees where needed.

Access, Parking, Detour Route and Bus Service

- During construction, the road will be closed to through traffic with local and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the street during construction hours. The contractor will place signs directly by the curb immediately before the project begins.
- The detour for through traffic will use Hall Street, Madison Avenue and Franklin Street. The detour routes will be clearly marked.
- This work will impact bus service, for the most up to date route information please call 616-776-1100 or visit ridetherapid.org/schedules-maps/alerts-detours.

Other Items

- Recycling and refuse service will be maintained but bins must be placed in their normal spots the night before collection day. Failing to do so may result in a missed collection. If needed, the contractor will move the bins to where they can be emptied and return them.
- Access for mail and other delivery services will be maintained.
- Typical construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, work may be done on Sunday. Work hours are dependent on weather and the contractor's schedule.
- As part of the City's efforts to better manage stormwater, residents are encouraged to participate in a rain barrel workshop hosted by the West Michigan Environmental Action Council. Please visit wmeac.org/rainbarrels or call the Council at 616-451-3051 for more information.

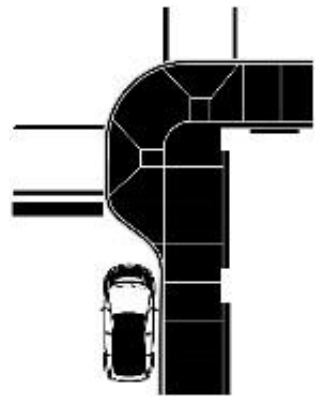
Business Guide

As we work to improve the street, we understand that businesses are sensitive to construction. For this reason, we have created a guide containing information for businesses during construction. Please find this guide on our website or contact us to get a hard copy.

Design

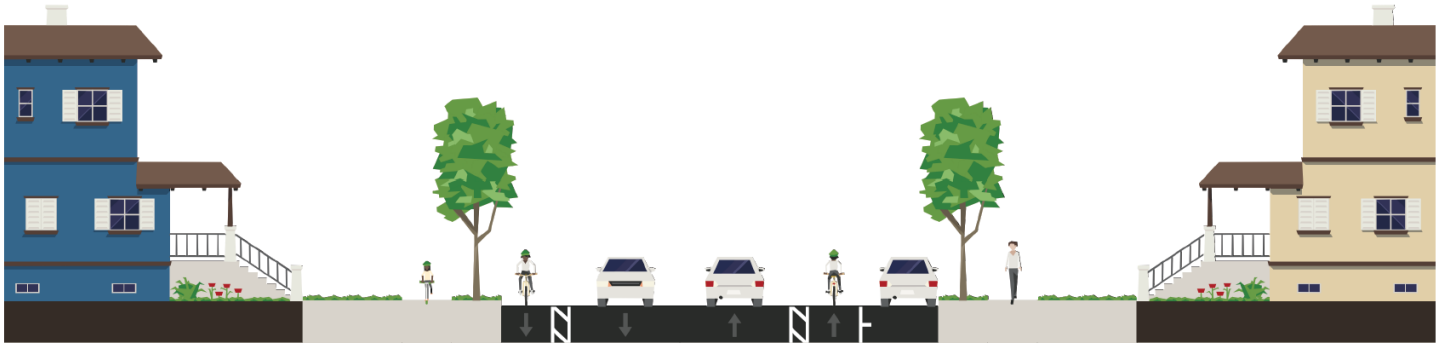
Please see the final design at the end of this letter. This project will:

- Restripe the Eastern Avenue and Hall Street intersection to allow one travel lane northbound and one travel lane southbound.
- Maintain existing left turn lanes from Eastern Avenue to Hall Street.
- Move the curb on the east side of Eastern Avenue just north of Hall Street to create a parkway and separate the sidewalk from the street.
- Create bulb-outs at some intersections to slow traffic speeds, shorten the street crossing width for people walking, provide room for rain gardens, and better define parking spaces.
- Remove parking on the east side of the Eastern Avenue from Worden Street to Franklin Street.
- Install buffered bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.
- Install green infrastructure such as street trees and rain gardens to retain and soak stormwater into the ground to filter pollutants and reduce runoff entering natural bodies of water.

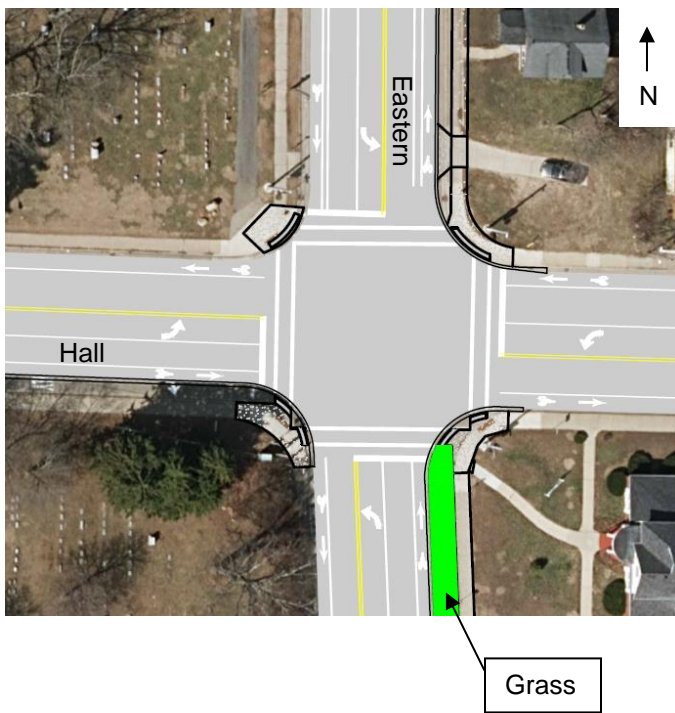


Bulb-out Example

Eastern Avenue (Hall Street to Franklin Street), except near the below intersections
Cross Section - Looking north



Eastern Avenue and Hall Street Intersection
Overhead view



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